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### **GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES 45 NEW JOBS FOR McDOWELL COUNTY** ***\$100,000 One North Carolina Fund Grant Helps Beaver Paper Locate in N.C.***

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley today announced that Beaver Paper, makers of digital and specialty paper products, will open a facility in McDowell County, creating 45 new jobs and investing \$4.7 million over the next three years. The announcement was made possible in part by a \$100,000 One North Carolina Fund grant.

“Beaver Paper’s decision to open a facility in North Carolina producing high-skill, well-paying jobs is a clear testament to our quality workforce,” Easley said. “Companies know they can find a well-educated workforce, a low cost of doing business and the country’s No. 1 business climate in our state..”

Beaver Paper produces a wide range of paper products, including those used in sewn-products manufacturing, dye-sublimation printing and wide-format imaging. While wage will vary, the expected average weekly wage of the new jobs is \$817 plus benefits, which is significantly higher than the McDowell County average weekly wage of \$477, not including benefits.

“Western North Carolina has a long heritage as a manufacturing region, with a special emphasis on paper-making, textiles and furniture manufacturing,” said Philip Prieur, president and CEO of Beaver Paper. “We recognize the value of these skills, and can put them to excellent use to benefit both the company and the people of Western North Carolina.”

The One North Carolina Fund assists the state in recruiting and expanding quality jobs by providing financial assistance to businesses or industries deemed by the governor to be vital to a healthy and growing state economy. Through the use of this Fund, 17,000 jobs and \$2 billion in investment have been created since 2001.

Other partners who helped make this announcement possible include the N.C. Department of Commerce, McDowell County, the City of Marion, McDowell Economic Development Association, McDowell Technical Community College, N.C. Employment Security Commission and the McDowell County Chamber of Commerce.

For more information about the company and possible employment opportunities, visit [www.beaverpaper.com](http://www.beaverpaper.com).

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